

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 23 and 33 have been amended. Claim 2 has been canceled.

In the Amendment filed March 3, 2005, applicants inadvertently failed to address the Examiner's objection and rejection raised to claims 2 and 33, respectively, in the Office Action dated January 10, 2005. In particular, claim 2 was objected to as not further limiting claim 1, and claim 33 as having no antecedent basis for the recitation of "said fastening assembly."

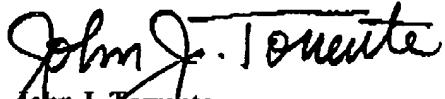
In order to avoid this objection and rejection, claim 2 has been canceled and its features recited in claim 3, which applicants submit itself has limitations which further limit claim 1. Also, claim 33 has been amended to depend from claim 22 which recites "a fastening assembly." The amended claims thus satisfy the requisite statutory requirements.

It is further noted that in the March 3, 2005 Amendment, in line 2 of each of claims 24 and 45, the phrase "one or more a second" has been changed to --one or more second--. This avoids the objection raised by the Examiner to these claims.

In view of the above, all claims in the application, as amended, are allowable. Accordingly, reconsideration of the claims and this Supplemental Amendment with the March 3, 2005 Amendment is respectfully requested.

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